For issue of Instrument Rating, the requirement of flying has been reduced from 150 hrs to 100 hrs.

Airstrips in J & K

2272. CHOWDHARY MOHAMMAD ASLAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have indentified places in the State of Jammu and Kashmir where airstrips are proposed to be developed so as to enable tourists, both foreign and domestic, to reach beautiful places in the interior of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when work on these projects are proposed to start and are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up development works at Srinagar, Jammu and Leh airports in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

At Srinagar airport, work for expansion/modification of terminal building for 500 domestic and 450 international passengers is in progress and is expected to be completed by June, 2007.

AAI has plans for development of Jammu and Leh airports subject to availability of additional land from Ministry of Defence.

Plans for airports in Karnataka

2273. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed plans for airports other than Bangalore in Karnataka;

(b) the timelines and investment plans for the same;

(c) the status of the second runway at Mangalore Airport; and

(d) the status of the international status of Mangalore Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has